



ASSOCIATION OF FIRESTONE RESIDENTS IN THE AMERICAS (AFIRA)

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MEETING MINUTES

Name	AFIRA General Meeting		
Date	March 27, 2022	Time	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Minutes Prepared By	Sam Garwo	Location	Teleconference
Meeting Objective			
Provide updates; discuss Association Matters			
Attendees			
<p>EC Members: President Samuel S.S Kieh, Vice-President Cecelia S Kukor Brown, Treasurer Mr. James M. Garwo, Financial Secretary Maybeline Sinue, Chaplain Mother Sally Lappia, Secretary General Sam N. Garwo</p> <p>Advisory Board: Rev. George Warner, Mrs. Diana Sinue- Flemister, Marie Scott, Emmanuel Ujay Porte, Cecelia Wilson-Kukuloku</p> <p>Members: Fatima Garwo, Fata Kieh, Rufus Quaye, David Karngba, E. Wilmot Jackson, Liz Garwo, Ester Garwo, Maybel Lappia-Massaquoi, Patricia Garwo-Yond, Enoch Nah, Barnelia Kumeh-Goll, Angie Garwo, Marie Kolliego-Tarpeh, Helen Flumo-Lewis, Augustine Morlue, Mawah Bryant, Dominic Flumo, Beyan Sana, Fatu Garwo, Koulor Garwo, Rev. Wyston Dixon, Winston Cummings, Comfort Samuels, Jenkins Atuanya, Jartu Passawe, Daniel Kieh, J. Aloysius David, Arthur Welwean, Eva Welwean, Vera Sinue, Veronica Willams, Lamba Wilson.</p>			
Agenda and Notes, Decisions and Issues			
Topic	Discussion		
Motion to Adopt the agenda	Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Vice-President Cecelia S Kukor Brown, seconded by Cecelia Wilson-Kukuloku.		
Welcome Remarks	President Samuel Kieh welcomed the membership to the March General Meeting of AFIRA and expressed his appreciation to everyone for their flexibility in making time for the Association. He thanked the membership for their commitment and generosity to AFIRA and the Firestone community at home.		
Reading and approval of previous meeting minutes	President Kieh read the previous meeting minutes. Upon completion of the meeting minutes President Kieh opened the transcript for discussion and subsequent adoption.		
Matters arising from the last minutes	Rev. Wyston Dixon, questioned why previous comments were not included in the February minutes. Also his concerns about questions on constitutionality were not included in the minutes. In addition, Rev. Wyston Dixon had a question on whether or not there should be an audit of our body annually.		



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	<p>President Kieh informed the group that an audit should be performed every two years as prescribed in our By-Laws and Rules (Reference: Article XI).</p> <p>Secretary Sam Garwo addressed the question of missing language. He informed the group that he worked with Jenkins Atuanya and revised the minutes to reflect his exact verbiage and concerns.</p> <p>Arthur Welwean thought an important question by Enoch Nah was missing from the February minutes. The financial report did not include expenditures but income was listed. The Treasurer informed the group that his job is to make payment when he receives a request from the President. The project committee chair is supposed to give a detailed explanation of expenditures in Liberia; not the Treasurer. This is an important detail that should be included in the minutes.</p> <p>Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Rev. George Warner, seconded by Marie Scott.</p>
Project Committee Update	<p>Chairman Daniel Kieh informed the group we succeeded in securing 100 bags of cement. We are in the process of securing transportation for the cement. The gasoline expense has made it more difficult to transport. We are planning to have the cement to the project site next Wednesday. Once cement is delivered we can complete the plastering. Next will come the installation of the windows and lastly flooring. We have a quote on the flooring. The project committee will meet next week in respect to flooring.</p> <p>Rev Dixon asked about the transportation issues and how they have delayed delivery. Chairman Kieh explained the difficulty and changes with Cemenco, they no longer deliver cement so we have struggled to coordinate transportation and now we have to bear those costs which is totally different from the assurances that CEMENCO had given to the Association that if a bulk purchase was made (i.e., minimum of 100 bags of cement - CEMENCO would have delivered the cement free of charge).</p> <p>Motion to adopt the PC Update was made by Rev Dixon and seconded by Arthur Welwean.</p>



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<p>Monthly Financial Update</p>	<p>James Garwo, Treasurer</p> <p>Informed the general body:</p> <p>Balance moving forward for the month of February 26, 2022</p> <p>Checking account: \$10,894.61</p> <p>Library account: \$10,024.00</p> <p>Total Amount Moving Forward: \$20,918.61</p> <p>March Deposits: Checking Account -Due Payments: \$760</p> <p>Grand Checking Account Total: \$11,654.61</p> <p>Deposits into Library Account: - Vice-President Cecelia S Kukor Brown's Birthday Gift: \$100.00 - Mother Sally Lappia donation: \$50.00</p> <p>Total Deposited in Library Account for March: \$150.00</p> <p>Grand Total in Library Account: \$10,174.00</p> <p>March Withdrawal:</p> <p>Total Withdrawal - \$0.00</p> <p>Accounts ending balance as of March 27, 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Checking Account: \$11,654.61- Library Account: \$10,174.00 <p>Total Amount: \$21,828.61</p> <p>Motion to adopt the Financial report was made by Arthur Welwean, seconded by Rev Dixon.</p>
<p>Region 1 - 2022 Convention Update</p>	<p>Chairwoman Barnelia Kumeh-Goll provided an update; the hall and meet and greet are booked, along with the caterer. The convention package will be \$125.</p>



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	<p>Cecelia Wilson-Kukuloku inquired on African attire. Also, can the committee provide the address of the convention and airport.</p> <p>Chairman Kieh informed the group the nearest airport was BWI and the event is at Taylor Hall in Columbia, Maryland. Hotel information will be published on the Association website shortly. We have not finalized the attire at this time.</p> <p>Rev Dixon asked if the board approved the price of the convention package and will there be an update to the board.</p> <p>President Kieh explained that as far as he could recollect, there has been no precedence of the board approving the price of the convention package and that he stood corrected and asked if President Emeritus Arthur Welwean could verify that information? We relinquish this to the convention committee.</p> <p>Treasurer James Garwo added that there has been a vote once when we increased the price. This was the Houston convention.</p> <p>There were several discussions about the convention package fees.</p> <p>Rev Warner suggested that we wait until the official budget for the 2022 convention is submitted to the executive committee for approval. The Executive Committee will then meet with the board to establish a final price for the convention.</p>
Other Matters	<p>President Kieh again thanked everyone for their contributions.</p> <p>Vice President Cecelia S Kukor Brown thanked everyone for the birthday wishes and contributions to the library project.</p> <p>Rev Warner thanked everyone who traveled to Liberia and engaged those on the worksite. Please pray for those who will be traveling for Sam Hare funeral.</p> <p>Cecelia Wilson-Kukuloku extended her appreciation for those that were able to attend her daughter's wedding.</p>



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	<p>Arthur Welwean congratulated Rev Warner and Bleh Warner on the graduation of their son.</p>
<p>Motion to Adjourn</p>	<p>Motion to Adjourn; Vice-President Cecelia S Kukor Brown moved for the meeting to be adjourned, motion seconded by Maybelline Sinue.</p> <p>President Samuel Kieh, A motion has been made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor say yea. (38) All opposed, say nea (0).</p>